[Mr. M. Sivatanu Pillai.]

together in the clause relating to Definitions. In definitions ordinarily the words " means and includes " go together. Apart from the point of view of a lawyer, as a person who makes an attempt to clarify the meaning of certain words, this idea strikes me that it is safe to club together the words " means and includes ", as it is found in every Regulation that we come across.

PRESIDENT : The House will now adjourn and meet again at 2 o' clock.

The House adjourned at 1 P. M. and re-assembled at 2 o' clock with the Deputy President in the Chair.

OATH OF OFFICE.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT I am given to understand that Mr. Dhanukoti Pillai, Conservator of Forests, is to take the oath. Of course there is precedent in favour of allowing that. But I trust that in future no business other than that mentioned in the Agenda will have to be transacted. Exceptional cases may however be considered. Mr. Dhanukoti Pillai will now swear.

Mr. R. Dhanukoti Pillai was sworn in.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS (*contd.*)

DEPUTY PRESIDENT We are at amendments 3 and 11. Anybody speaking on that ?

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnitnad II*) : Sir, I oppose the amendment. If we accept the amendment—

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Sir, I was talking on that and had not finished.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : When I asked whether anybody was speaking, Mr. Sivatanu Pillai could have stood up.

MR M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : I thought as I was speaking when the House arose, I would be called up to continue.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The practice is that a member in possession of the House when it adjourned for lunch should resume his speech as soon as the House reassembled. He need not be separately called.

MR M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Sir, I was speaking in support of the amendment, *viz.*, to add the words " and includes " after the word "means "in sub-clause (*a*) of clause 2, which would make the meaning more clear and definite. It is true, Sir, that when a Select Committee was constituted they would endeavour their best to draft the Bill after going minutely into all the points and aspects of the matter. I could very well imagine that the honourable member Mr. Puthupalli Krishna Pillai would very easily concede that however much it may be emphatically asserted that the Select Committee did all they could—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : All that is irrelevant. Whatever the Select Committee might have done or might not have done does not arise now. If you think the amendment is necessary, you may proceed with your argument. The Select Committee is not on trial before the House. Anything in regard to what they might have done does not arise now.

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